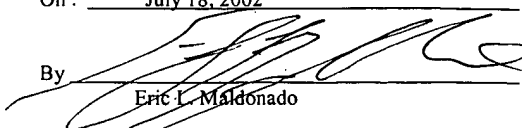




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As these documents are written in a language other than English, English Language translations are annexed thereto explaining its relevancy in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3).

U.S. Patent Application No. 5,457,668 is a corresponding filing of JP 60-196862 dated July 23, 1993 and serves as an English-language translation thereof. G.B. Patent Application No. 2,123,597 is a corresponding filing of JP 59-17655 dated January 28, 1984 and serves as an English-language translation thereof. Also, U.S. Patent Application No. 5,155,768 is a corresponding filing of JP 3-266051 dated November 27, 1991 and serves as an English – language translation thereof.

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